

September 27, 1926.

Statement of Mr. Reinhold Hekeler made
to Mr. R. H. Neilson on Monday afternoon
September 27 about 4 o'clock at the office
of Mr. R. J. Dearborn of the Texas Company
17 Battery Place.

Mr. Hekeler has lived in West New York, directly opposite 75th Street, Manhattan, for a number of years and was counsel for the West New York Board of Education at a time when Mr. Philip Payne was a member of the Board. He has known Mr. Payne for ten or twelve years and prior to the death of Mrs. Payne about two years ago Mr. and Mrs. Hekeler and Mr. and Mrs. Payne would, from time to time, spend the evening together. He now has not seen Mr. Payne for some time but assumes he still lives in West New York.

Shortly before July 1, 1926 Mr. Payne called Mr. Hekeler on the telephone and asked him if he would care to represent a plaintiff in an annulment suit. Mr. Hekeler replied that he could do it if the matter was in Hudson County but if elsewhere he would not have the time. After further conversation Mr. Hekeler, learning that the matter was in New Jersey but not in Hudson County, agreed that he would prepare a petition and act as attorney of record, but could not do more. Mr. Payne then told him that the name of the man wishing to file the petition was Riehl and that he would send him to him.